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--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, line 9, delete "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and
insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

Page 3, line 35, delete "DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION", and
insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

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Page 4, prior to line 28, insert the heading --DESCRIPTION
OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-12 and add new claim 13 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of prolonging a local effect of a
pharmaceutically or cosmetically active substance when such
substance is used in a topical cream or lotion, the method
comprising:

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a. providing an oil-in-water emulsion carrier including an
oily non-polar lipid material, an aqueous phase and a
galactolipid material as an emulsifier;

b. adding a pharmaceutically or cosmetically active
substance to the carrier to form a formulation for a topical
cream or lotion; and

c. wherein the galactolipid material is present in the
formulation for a topical cream or lotion in an amount to prolong

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a local effect of the active substance when the topical cream or lotion is topically applied.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein 0.1-50% by weight of oily material and 0.5-20% by weight of emulsifier are provided in the formulation.

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3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein 1-40% by weight of oily material and 0.5-10% by weight of emulsifier are provided in the formulation.

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4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, including providing the galactolipid material so as to consist of at least 50% by weight of digalactosyl-diacylglycerols and a remainder of non-digalactosyldiacylglycerol polar lipids, and adding the galactolipid material so as to constitute an amount of 1.0-5.0% by weight of the formulation.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, including providing the galactolipid material so as to consist of 50-70% by weight of digalactosyldiacylglycerols and 30-50% by weight of non-digalactosyldiacylglycerol polar lipids.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, including providing the galactolipid material as a fractionated oat oil

which consists of at least 15% by weight of digalactosyldiacylglycerols and a remainder of non-digalactosyldiacylglycerol polar and non-polar lipids, and adding the galactolipid material so as to constitute an amount of 2.0-10% by weight of the formulation.

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7. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, including providing the galactolipid material as a fractionated oat oil which contains 40-60% by weight polar lipids and a remainder of non-polar lipids.

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8. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the oil-in-water emulsion is formed as a cream base by providing in % by weight;

Oily non-polar lipid	10.0-30.0%
Galactolipid emulsifier	0.5-5%
Thickner	2.0-10.0%
Preservative	0.1-1.0%
Water	ad 100%

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including incorporating a moisturizer as the active substance.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including adding an active substance for use in treatment of atopic

dermatitis.

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11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including incorporating a corticosteroid as the active substance, for treatment of skin inflammation.

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12. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 including incorporating 13-hydroxy-linoleic acid as the active substance.

Please add new claim 13 as follows:

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Fin* --13. The method of claim 9 including adding glycerol as the moisturizer.--

Attached to this response is a copy of the claims showing the amendments in bracketing and underlining. The attached amended claims are for the Examiner's convenience only. Also attached is a copy of several pages of additional specification showing the amendments to the specification.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in light of the initial office action of October 3, 2001. As a result, a new Abstract of the Disclosure has been submitted and amendments have